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TATE MEET GREAT SUCCESS

"It was a great meeting", so said ores of delegates and ministers. The gistration was just over 300, but the rious sessions were attended by any more. About 250 places were ed at the tables for the Conference ner on Thursday evening.

At the opening session Moderator . W. Furze appointed the following mmittees: **BUSINESS:** Rev. George Atkinson, Rev. N. B. Henderson, ev. B. M. Palmer. **RESOLUTIONS:** ev. F. J. Van Horn, Prof G. T. Tol- n, Mrs. T. E. Borden. **NOMINA-IONS:** Rev. R. C. Day, Rev. Gail eland, Mrs. L. M. Drury, Rev. J. H. cCartney. Upon nominations from e floor Rev. J. E. Enman was ected Scribe and Mrs. Enman, As- stant Scribe.

The business of the Conference was rgely confined to the hearing and ie accepting of the reports of various ommittees and departments. One mendment to the By-Laws, em- owering the Board of Directors to ake nominations for Scribe and As- stant Scribe, was adopted, and an- ther to give the Nominating Com- ittee a little more time in which prepare its report was introduced nd will be voted upon a year hence.

Upon the recommendation of Rev. lorman Pendleton, our former repre- entative to the Anti-Saloon League, committee of ten was appointed to ake the lead in calling a great con- ention of church and temperance eople to plan for a state-wide and ersistent campaign of education on he problem of alcohol.

The committee on Manual of Devo- ions was continued, and the work of he Committee on Cooperative Mar- eting was entrusted to the Commit- ee on Social Relations. The Confer- nce did not elect members of the Regional Committee, but authorized uch persons as are in attendance at he various National and Regional atherings to act as our representa- tives.

The program was largely in the ands of Northern California people, nd they gave an excellent account f themselves. The method of present- ng facts first, then hearing discussion nd closing with an inspirational ad- ress was novel and fruitful. No one who participated in the sessions when 'Crime and Lawlessness", "Our Econ- mic Debacle", "Why People Go to Church", "Life Giving Experiences", r the Report of the Social Relations Committee took place, could say that the Congregational fellowship is not alive to the problems of our own day.

The conference program was en- riched by the presence of several visi- tors. Rev. Herbert, D. Rugg handled the publicity, and led a conference of ministers and laymen on that im- portant subject. Rev. E. D. Gaylord, superintendent of Southern Califor- nia participated in one of the Semi- nars. Dr. C. C. Merrill of New York led one discussion group and gave a most helpful address at one of the evening sessions.

A most cordial invitation for next year's conference was presented by Fresno through Rev. M. G. Papazian, the pastor of the Pilgrim Church. This invitation was enthusiastically ac- cepted and the date left to the Board of Directors.

MESSAGE TO THE CHURCHES

PACIFIC SLOPE CONGRESS

REPORT OF THE FINDINGS COMMITTEE

We are deeply conscious of the difficult problems and sore wounds of our sick and bewildered world. But we bring you words of cheer and encouragement. Religion is neither dead nor dying. The "good news" in Jesus Christ is still the hope of the world. Again and again our congress leaders have sounded a double chord of assurance. The first and dominant note is assurance in the redemptive power of Christ to meet our problems and to save man and society from the selfishness, greed and suicidal competition which assail us. The second note is assurance of the fundamental place of the church as the great "social solvent" of our present order.

We have not been chiefly concerned with methods but with the necessity of a sincere and wholehearted fellowship in Christ which knows no race, creed or color. While our hearts go out in sympathy to those missionaries who have been called from the field, we rejoice that our American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions is reaping the fruits of its noble traditions . . . that such countries as China, Japan, India and Czecho-Slovakia are assuming the responsibility of the work within their borders and that missionaries are able to sit as counselors and advisors to the native church. On the other hand we would relay to you the urgent call for greater assistance in blazing trails in such countries as the Phillipines and Turkey or in cultivating the gardens already planted as in East and West Central Africa.

Our church can meet the opportunity of the hour in no better way than by the challenge of Christ-like living. When our ministers and members make real the cardinal virtues of courage, humility, unselfishness and sacrifice through an adventurous faith, they not only reveal the living Christ to those about them but go far in solving the present problems of economic distress, intemperance and international discord. A truly democratic church is the loudest testimony of the possibility of a state ruled in brotherly love. A christian pastor, using his own initiative in the conduct of Christian worship, education of youth and acts of social service is the best evidence that the spirit of Christ is the power of God unto salvation.

We have been greatly heartened by the deep and sincere fellowship of these conferences and for the opportunity given to cheer and encourage one another. The words of our National Moderator, the Christian hospitality of the people of San Diego and the reports of many pastors as well as speakers reveal that the church of Christ is faring better than most organizations in our day and that it still remains a fundamental institution to our social order.

CONFERENCE OFFICERS

At the recent meeting of the State Conference, officers were elected, which, with those that hold over, give us the following official family for the coming year: Moderator, Rev. R. C. Waddell; Vice-Moderator, Mrs. Gail Cleland; Preacher, Rev. Lawrence Wilson; Alternate Preacher, Rev. E. T. Sherman; Board of Directors; Rev. Noel J. Breed,* President; Mrs. C. T. Tinker,* Vice President, Rev. Harley H. Gill, Secretary; Mr. D. H. Dexter,* Treasurer. E. W. Ehmann, Rev. Benjamin Gould*, Dr. O. L. Elliott*, Mrs. T. E. Borden, Rev. O. W. S. McCall, Rev. N. B. Henderson, Mrs. H. F. Swartz*, Mrs. W. W. Ferrier*, Mrs. James Hazlett, Rev. R. C. Day, Mr. George S. Martin, Rev. Lawrence Wilson, Rev. H. V. Miller*, Rev. R. C. Waddell*, Rev. T. T. Giffen*, Mrs. E. V. Krick*, Rev. W. W. Furze, Rev. E. T. Sherman. (Those marked * are members of the Executive Committee.) Delegates to National Council: Mrs. Chauncey J. Hawkins, Rev. Noel J. Breed, Mrs. John R. Hahn, Rev. R. C. Waddell. Delegate to State Church Federation: Rev. Harley H. Gill; Representative to Anti-Saloon League: Rev. Gail Cleland; Representative to Council of Religious Education: Rev. James H. Price; Representative to State Christian Endeavor: Rev. G. E. Atkinson; Visitors to Pacific School of Religion: Rev. R. C. Day, Rev. J. E. Enman, Rev. J. R. Hahn; Committee on Religious Work at the University of California: Rev. O. W. S. McCall, Rev. T. T. Giffen, Mrs. E. B. Mead, Mrs. Frank Irwin, Rev. H. F. Swartz, Rev. Harley H. Gill, Rev. E. W. Benedict, Rev. J. H. Bennett, Rev. Lawrence Wilson; Fraternal Delegate to Southern California Congregational Conference: Rev. Harley H. Gill..

SLOPE CONGRESS

A total of 844 persons registered for the Pacific Slope Congregational Congress which was held in San Diego a month ago. Northern California was represented by 30 ministers and lay people. The First Church of San Diego proved to be a most acceptable meeting place, and its members and pastor, our own Dr. Roy Campbell, were ideal hosts. Rev. C. L. Mears of LaJolla, another former Northern California man, was the chairman of arrangements for hospitality.

The program was of an exceptionally high order. Dr. George A. Buttrick, Dr. Fred. F. Goodsell, and Dr. C. C. Merrill, were visitors from the east coast. Our own Pacific Slope men were used for many of the major addresses. Dr. Carl S. Patton, President C. K. Edmunds, Rev. Kerrison Juniper, Rev. Raymond B. Walker, Rev. L. Wendell Fifield and many others, were heard with great delight and profit.

Rev. E. D. Gaylord, who has served as secretary of the Regional Committee and on whose shoulders much of the responsibility rested, was elected president for the coming biennium. In all probability the next Congress will be held either in Tacoma or Portland two years hence.

"The church does not exist to do everything, but to do the one thing without which nothing else is worth doing. If it is in any worthy sense the Body of Christ, it must be a union of those who love in the service of those who suffer, and thus 'organize God's light'." (Joseph Fort Newton, "Christion Century Pulpit," April, 1932.)

DOLLAR PLAN

Great Outpouring at State Conference Reveals Intense Loyalty of the Churches

The churches that have contributed to the Dollar Plan up to and including October 31st, are listed below. The amounts set forth include those brought forward at the Dedication Service at the State Conference. Accompanying the gifts were many reports of additional money to come from churches that have already given and those who are planning to make remittances a little later. Special attention is called to Angel's Camp, Murphy, Cotati, Ferndale, Weaverville, Hayward, as making large gifts in proportion to their membership. It will be remembered that 97½% of these sums will be credited on the apportionment at the end of the year. A little extra effort now should result in doubling this amount. Churches desiring additional coin cards may have them by writing the office.

Adin		$ 8.00
Alameda		57.65
Alturas		15.00
Angel's Camp		30.00
Antioch		15.33
Auburn		23.00
Berkeley.	First	162.25
	North	36.30
	Park	17.00
Campbell		45.00
Ceres		10.00
Cloverdale		12.50
Cotati		30.40
Ferndale		46.00
Fresno. Pilgrim		5.00
Glen Ellen		3.00
Grass Valley		15.00
Guerneville		15.00
Hayfork		6.00
Hayward		50.00
Kenwood		9.00
Lewiston		4.00
Lockeford		5.00
Lodi. First		32.05
Loomis		4.10
Martinez		52.00
Murphy		7.00
Niles		24.50
Oakland.	Calvary	15.00
	First	223.55
	Fruitvale	6.00
	Japanese	11.00
	Pilgrim	22.56
	Plymouth	52.50
Oroville		36.00
Palo Alto		85.20
Paradise		18.01
Petaluma		85.02
Port Chicago		7.00
Redwood City		29.00
Ripon		27.00
Sacramento		27.50
Salida		18.00
San Carlos		2.00
San Francisco:		
Bethany-Mission Park		37.25
First		138.00
Sanger		2.00
San Leandro. Broadmoor		5.60
Santa Rosa		33.00
Saratoga		47.00
Sebastopol		31.00
Sonoma		14.00
Stockton		9.00
Sunnyvale		16.00
Tulare		31.12
Weaverville		25.00
Woodside		25.00
Miscellaneous		13.10
		$1,832.49

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THE PUERTO RICO STORM

Friends of our work in Puerto Rico will be interested to learn of the effect which the recent tornado had upon our Congregational institutions. Miss Martha Lindsay, principal of the Blanche Kellogg Institute, writes that the new building stood the storm fairly well. The roof was torn from one corner, and a few panes of glass and shutters were broken to pieces. In the old house and the chapel the roofs will have to be replaced. Windows were broken and then the storm played havoc with partitions and furniture. The few trees remaining from the previous hurricane were broken down. None of the workers or pupils were injured.

At the Ryder Memorial Hospital doors were smashed and wind, rain, and debris poured in. Patients had to be removed from certain of the wards into others which were already overcrowded. Children were piled up on the floors in layers and women lay on the floor holding their babies in their arms. It will require about $6,000 to repair the damage, but no one was injured, according to Dr. Watson, the superintendent.

GRATITUDE IN AFRICA

"Many people feel that the Africans are not inclined to show gratitude for benefits received, but I have never been able to accept this theory," writes Mr. Arthur J. Orner of Mt. Silinda Institute, East Africa. He goes on to say: "And I felt that a few at least would be glad of the opportunity of showing their gratitude for what the American Board has done for them. I explained the financial situation on the field and in America, at a regular Sunday morning service, and suggested that if there were any who wished to give something, not for our own work here, but to help the general work of the Board, they might bring their gifts to the office.

"The next day gifts began to come, and up to the present we have received a total of about $40.00 from natives alone. This is the first time in the history of the Mission that such an appeal has been made. Perhaps the actual amount of money may not appear large—though it **represents a year's wages for an unskilled laborer here**—but I am sure that the growth in interest and loyalty on the part of the donors will be of great and lasting value."

WASHINGTON'S ADVICE

The Constitution which at any time exists, 'til changed by an explicit and authentic act of the whole People, is sacredly obligatory upon all. The very idea of the power and the right of the People to establish Government pre-supposes the duty of every individual to obey the established Government.—Washington's Farewell Address.

Just Half Way

Receipts For Ten Months Equal Half of 1931 Gifts

The list of receipts from the churches on the regular apportionment appears below. These figures do not include the Dollar Plan, a full statement of which appears in another column. The amount which appears below for the first ten months of the calendar year is a little less than half of the total receipts on the apportionment for 1931 as revealed in the Year Book. Some tremendous strides must be made in the next two months.

	October Receipts	Jan.11-Oct. 31, 1932
Adin		$ 96.81
Alameda	100.00	275.00
Alturas		20.00
Angel's Camp		50.00
Antioch		24.32
Benicia		25.50
Berkeley:		
First	627.33	5,626.08
North	68.48	908.93
Park	21.20	69.85
Campbell		140.00
Ceres	50.00	210.00
Cloverdale	11.29	126.16
Cotati		68.76
Crockett	12.50	114.25
Eureka		62.78
Fairfax		45.00
Ferndale		191.56
Fresno. First	100.00	313.26
Glen Ellen	8.00	8.00
Grass Valley		10.38
Guerneville		35.00
Kenwood	10.00	38.06
Lodi. First		915.00
Loomis		10.00
Martinez	83.58	132.06
Murphy		40.00
Oakland:		
First	640.00	5,178.00
Olivet		18.70
Pilgrim	15.00	25.45
Plymouth	150.00	1,050.00
Oroville	10.00	65.00
Pacific Grove	60.00	314.85
Palo Alto	525.00	1,641.85
Paradise	37.50	112.50
Pescadero		5.00
Petaluma	207.50	570.25
Pittsburg	20.83	62.73
Porterville	20.00	38.33
Redwood City		396.85
Reno, Nevada	89.82	369.75
Ripon	5.00	52.50
Sacramento		743.00
Salida		31.00
San Francisco:		
Bethany-Mission Park		230.00
First		50.00
Ocean View		25.00
Richmond	14.00	45.00
San Jose	35.00	897.85
San Leandro:		
Broadmoor		118.61
Santa Cruz		550.00
Santa Rosa		205.90
Saratoga		500.00
Sebastopol	4.20	70.94
Sonoma		72.23
Stockton		1,081.00
Suisun		50.00
Sunnyvale	5.00	23.80
Tulare	20.00	258.25
Weaverville		41.25
Woodside	31.50	104.50
Miscellaneous	125.00	432.38
	$3,116.73	$24,989.23

More than 70 visiting delegates came to the meeting of the Association of Congregational Churches of Jalisco, Mexico, and out of trat number 28 WALKED THE ENTIRE DISTANCE of 60 MILES from Ameca to Tlajomulco where the conference was held. In addition there were four or five delegates from Autlan who walked half of the 150 mile journey to the conference and then made the entire return trip on foot.

Hip Wo School

Besides the teaching of the Chinese language, the faculty of Hip Wo School pays close attention to the recreational facilities and activities of the students. At the beginning of last semester there were several clubs established to supplement the school curriculum. A music club was organized under the leadership of Mr. T. T. Leung, the director of the school. A basketball team was trained by Dean William Chan. Under his leadership and training, the Five of Hip Wo School won a sweeping victory over all the junior teams in Chinatown. Moreover, a drama club was formed under the cooperative effort of the several members of the faculty, especially the effort of Mr. R. Wong that made the life of the club successful. A contest took place in the evening of March 24th. Each class put on a one-act play which could not last longer than ten minutes. Three judges were invited from outside so that the making of rewards was free from any influence of "Class" discrimination. The first prize was won by the 2nd grade, the second prize by the junior high students, the third prize, by the sixth grade students. Several plays had some relation to the idea of the Resurrection of Jesus. After all plays were given, the prizes were awarded by Rev. B. Y. Leung, the principal of the school, according to decisions rendered by the judges. At ten o'clock the contest was over and everybody left the assembly hall happily.

NEVER MORE PROMISING

"Our work has never been more promising, though there is suffering everywhere from the present financial crisis." Thus writes Rev. Frank J. Woodward from Lanao, the Philippines.

Mr. Woodward has recently made two Rural Surveys. "It is quite impossible," he says, "to tell you all that we are trying to do for our Rural Parishes; but, in brief, I might just state that we want to eradicate hookworm and Yaws from our churches—that is, cure everyone affected. In one place we found about thirty cases of Yaws, and every child had to remain out of school—no one can tell how long. Two injections will cure a person!

"We found that almost everyone of our members, who are farmers, have no source of seed and seedlings; so we must provide these for them. We found what the eradicable pests are that are destroying their crops. We found out more than a score of facts of value about each family. In one large area they have been trying to live on one crop per year, when they should have been raising two. In almost, yes, in every place, we found about 200 families—all land owners—depending on short crops, corn, rice, etc., when they should have long ago planted fruit trees that would bring them in a continuous income and also a food supply. I might add, that we have a program for the Visayans of our whole coast, for literacy, something like that of Dr. Laubach for the Moros.

"Best of all, the response of the people to the appeal of the Gospel seems better than ever before in my part of the field. What a future we have in Northern Mindanao!

Dr. H. A. Miller, of the world-famed Mayo Clinic said in an address delivered in Rochester on September 26, 1931 that before prohibition cases of death from alcoholic neurosis were alarmingly prevalent, but that since prohibition they are insufficient to meet even the needs of the college dissecting room.

RESOLVED

Resolutions Adopted at the Recent State Conference

"The delegates to the seventy-sixth Annual Meeting of the Northern California Congregational Conference, in session at Berkeley, October 25-27, 1932, do hereby RESOLVE:

First—That our hearty thanks are due to the First Church of Berkeley, the gracious host of this occasion; to the Press of the Bay Region for publicity so fully and freely rendered; to the Rev. Herbert D. Rugg for faithful guidance in this connection; to the choir of the First Church, Berkeley; to the speakers and officials whose untiring service has made possible the preparation and presentation of so unusually interesting and helpful a program.

Second—That we renew our pledge of loyal support to those agencies through which we work in fraternal cooperation in certain matters of the kingdom, namely: The American Bible Society, pioneer in spreading abroad the printed Word; and we recommend to our churches that so far as may be advisable they join in proper celebration and use of "Bible Day" December 4, 1932, the anniversary of this noble Society; the Anti-Saloon League of California, whose leadership in the battle against the liquor traffic we gratefully acknowledge,—never more needed than now in the present crisis which threatens the overthrow of law, order, and sobriety in State and Nation; The California Council of Religious Education; the California Federation and Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, whose ideals of cooperative effort and unified action are ends to which we would constantly strive.

That while we recognize with sorrow the divided state of the church and pray for the healing of this hurt of the Body of our Lord, we pledge anew our loyal allegiance and support to organized work of the churches of our faith and order; to support leaders, officials, boards and commissions; to our missionaries at home and abroad; believing in the mission of the Church of Christ to preach the gospel to all the world, we affirm there must be no surrender of our high purpose to win the world to peace and goodwill, no crippling of our forces here or beyond the seas; that we pledge ourselves and urge all our churches and people to such honest and sacrificial devotion that there shall be no slackening of the effort to transform all society and every institution into that better social order in which service, brotherhood and the mind of Christ shall be dominant; we recognize the sad plight of these times, the fruit of our own misdeeds and selfish systems, we find hope only in the spirit of Jesus; with penitence and shame, with contrition and chastened wills we turn to the Father of our spirits through Him who is the way, the truth and the life—the light and hope of the world.

"Its leaders have sometimes been mediocre and yet the church has been the one outstanding influence for the highest values in life. Despite its many deviations, its path has ever been forward. The conflicts between sects and denominations have often clouded the main issues, yet these issues have remained the principal issues of life. Plenty of religious life is found outside the church, probably more today than in any period since the dark ages, but the great religious teaching continues to be given either in the church or under the general guidance of the church in the home." (A. R. Gilliland, Professor of Psychology, Northwestern, "Religious Education," v. xxvii, p. 422f.)

NEWS FROM CHURCHES AND THEIR LEADERS

BERKELEY, NORTH—Young people are responding to a definite program for youth which this church is sponsoring. The Heidekker Club recently acted as hosts to the High School group of First Church. This was in reciprocation for the hospitality of the First Church young people a month ago. The church school furnished the program for the morning church services on promotion day, giving a playlet "The Gateway of Tomorrow." The older group of young people has as its general topic "The Religious Nugget", each one bringing a nugget found during the week. Rev. Elmer W. Benedict, the pastor, gives a brief historical account of some book of the Bible at each meeting.

BENICIA—Both morning and evening church services are being held, thus some people are being reached who are unable to attend in the morning. The Sunday School is taxing the seating capacity of the rooms provided for it. The members of the young people's society are now leading the discussions themselves instead of leaving it to the pastor. The new community club of men has a charter membership of 60, with an attendance of 58 at a recent meeting when Rev. Harvey V. Miller of Martinez was the speaker. Rev. E. W. Houlding, the pastor, is greatly encouraged by the progress being made.

TULARE — Rev. Robert Whittaker, the pastor, has succeeded in maintaining and building up the evening forum. Among recent speakers the following names appear: Professor Vaughan MacCaughey, Berkeley; Dr. M. G. Papazian, Fresno; Dr. H. H. Gill, San Francisco; Attorney B. M. Benson, Fresno; Dr. Robert Whitaker, Los Angeles; Dr. E. P. Ryland, Hollywood; Father J. J. Crowley, Fresno.

KENSINGTON HEIGHTS—The Sunday School now has an enrollment of 106. Neighborhood groups are using the building: Parent-Teacher Association, the Women's Club and the Improvement Club of the district have recently held meetings. A Sunday School council has been organized and a new discussion group for young people has been launched. Mr. John H. Gregg is the director.

EUREKA—A bus is used each Sunday morning, and private cars are commandeered, to bring children from outside of the city limits to Sunday School. A new program of graded worship is being inaugurated with separate services for juniors and seniors, with vested choirs and suitable music. Rev. Charles H. Hudson is the pastor.

ALAMEDA—Rev. Gail Cleland is just beginning the fifth year of his pastorate. Members of the American Legion attended services on the first Sunday of November when Dr. Cleland spoke on "The War that is Greater than War". Other suggestive themes that have been used recently are "Twenty Minutes of Reality", "Is God Limited?", "Stocks and Bonds", "A Man's Religion".

SANTA CRUZ—Rev. H. St. Clair Mahood, the pastor, has been suffering as the result of a slight accident while moving some furniture during the recent Jubilee celebration. He is still conducting the work of his church, but under much physical difficulty.

CALAVERAS COUNTY—The newest venture in this parish is the organization of a Christian Endeavor Society at Murphy, with an enrollment of 22 and an attendance running as high as 28. A contest has been started between the Christian Endeavor Societies of Murphy and Angel's Camp. These young people attend the same High Schol, so there is friendship as well as rivalry. Rev. John T. Munton, the pastor, was the victim of an automobile accident just as he was leaving the state Conference in Berkeley. The Pacific is glad to report that neither Mr. nor Mrs. Munton were injured, and were able to return to their field within 24 hours.

GUERNEVILLE—As noted in another column, Rev. James W. Price, who has been pastor of this church for two years, has tendered his resignation to succeed his son as pastor of the church at Fairfax. His resignation in this field was accepted with profound regret. During his stay in Guerneville, the church has been greatly strengthened in membership and in the place which it holds in the community. A fine reception was given Mr. and Mrs. Price in the school auditorium which was attended not only by members of the church but by the Boy Scouts, the Rotary Club and a member of townsfolk.

SAN FRANCISCO. CALVARY—Rev. H. A. Kartozian has closed his ministry with this church and has gone to Detroit, Michigan, where he has been called to the pastorate of the Armenian Church for a year. His family will remain in San Francisco. The Calvary Church pulpit committee is now actively seeking his successor. A farewell dinner was given to Mr. Kartozian, at which 300 people were present, and on his closing Sunday 198 were in the audience.

TRINITY COUNTY—A new Sunday School is being organized at Minersville. About 35 persons are on the list of the pastor, Rev. Robert J. Allen, for extension work. These people are in isolated communities which Mr. Allen visits now and then for purposes of distributing Sunday School literature. A prayer meeting has been established at Weaverville.

SAN FRANCISCO. UNITED CHURCH OF THE MISSION—Rev. James H. Price began his work as Associate Minister on October 15. The church has secured Mr. Charles T. Ferry as organist. He was formerly with the First Congregational Church of Washington, D. C., at the time president Coolidge was a member of that church.

OAKLAND. FRUITVALE — Burglars broke into and ransacked the church office, stealing $7.00 in cash. A loyalty week is to be observed during November, with an active campaign to cover the budget for the coming year. Mr. James E. Boyd is the pastor.

PORT CHICAGO—For the first time in several years, the church has engaged in an Every Member Canvass, and went over the top, with enough pledges to take care of the church expenses for the coming year. Mr. Raymond L. Cramer is the pastor. How is this for times of depression?

PESCADERO—A new Christian Endeavor Society has been organized. Thirty were present at the meeting at which officers were installed. Rev. J. L. Rollins is the pastor.

PETALUMA — The young people of this church conducted worship service on a recent Sunday evening. Many of the features of the Asilomar Chapel service were introduced, and three of those who attended the Conference last summer told of the inspiration they had received. Nineteen of the young people, with adult counsellors, spent two days at Lokoya, in the hills near Napa. The fall rally dinner of the church was attended by 140 persons. Three members of the church spoke on "What Our Church Means, and How We Can Make It Mean More". Rev. Noel J. Breed, the pastor, has been elected president of the Conference Board of Directors.

FAIRFAX—Rev. and Mrs. James H. Price completed their work on this field October 15. Prior to their leaving, a dinner was given in their honor. A Young People's rally, which was addressed by Rev. Joseph Bennett of Campbell, was attended by about 75 persons. Mr. and Mrs. Price were presented with a fine electric clock. Immediately upon the resignation of the pastor, the church began preparations for the calling of Mr. Price's father, Rev. James W. Price of Guerneville. After several conferences Mr. Price senior accepted the call, and is now living in the house vacated by his son, and carrying on the work of the church.

REDWOOD CITY—Mrs. C. T. Tinker, president of the Federation of Congregational Women, was speaker at a fall rally of the women of the church, at which 86 persons were present. Rev. Norman Pendleton, the pastor, recently debated E. Clements Horst before the Business and Professional Women's Club of San Francisco on the Prohibition issue. It is reported that the pastor found the hop grower easy picking.

OAKLAND. BETHANY — Five substantial people were recently received into the membership of the church, which brings the total enrollment of the church up to 73. The congregations averaged 95 for the past month. This church has asked for a reduction in the amount of missionary aid received. Rev. V. H. Yessayan is the pastor.

SEBASTOPOL—At the regular monthly church dinner in October Rev. Herbert D. Rugg of New York and Superintendent Gill, were guests, the latter reporting on the San Diego Congress. Rev. George E. Atkinson, the pastor, recently exchanged pulpits one Sunday morning with Rev. J. J. Jones of Santa Rosa.

SAN FRANCISCO. OCEAN VIEW—Two more Sunday School rooms are being erected in the social hall, which together with others previously provided, will furnish each class with its own room. Rev. James D. Salmon is the pastor.

SACRAMENTO—Rev. Lawrence Wilson has been preaching a unique series of sermons. His subjects are: "The Religion of Herbert Hoover," "The Religion of Franklin Roosevelt," "The Religion of Norman Thomas," "The Larger Patriotism."

THE PACIFIC wishes to congratulate Rev. and Mrs. James H. Price on the arrival of a son, Jimmy Jr. who comes to make life for the father and mother and older sister exceedingly interesting.

LODI—A unique nationality dinner was given by the Women's Association October 21. Dishes characteristic of various nations were served by women in appropriate costumes. A new illuminated sign has been erected in front of the church, money, material and labor for the same being donated. The 60th anniversary of the church will soon be celebrated. A three-year program is now under way for every department of the church and school. The pastor, Rev. E. T. Sherman, is giving a series of sermons on the life of Christ. His sermons are published in both local papers almost every week.

PITTSBURG — This church ranked third in the Conference in new members for 1931. Berkeley First and Sacramento were the only ones who received more. Each Sunday the seven deacons of the church meet in the study for a season of prayer just prior to the service. The minister then leads in devotions for the choir. A quiet low-pressure evangelism is kept up the year round. A building is now being erected at the rear of the church, 18 by 28 feet, which will furnish quarters for the Boy Scout troup and overflow classes from the church school. Rev. C. C. Champlin is the pastor.

SAN FRANCISCO FIRST — Rev. George Arthur Buttrick, who delivered the Earl Lectures, preached in this pulpit while he was in the Bay region. The Young People's Association has listened to expositions of the Republican, Democratic and Socialist platforms on Sunday evenings. A special musical service is held the first Sunday night of each month. Rev. Kerrison Juniper,, the pastor, was one of the principal speakers at the Regional Congress at San Diego.

PALO ALTO—Rev. W. B. Thorp, pastor of this church, narrowly escaped serious injury when his care overturned while en route home from the San Diego Congress.

CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

Annual meeting of the Bay Association will be held Tuesday, January 10, the hour and place to be announced later.

The Mid-Winter Conference, consisting of the meetings of the Commission on Missions, the Home Boards, the Home Board Directors, the Prudential Committee of the American Board, and the state superintendents wil be held at Evanston, Illinois, beginning January 16.

Tentative dates for the Interdenominational Pastoral Conference at the Pacific School of Religion are February 21-23 inclusive.

The General Council of Congregational and Christian Churches will be held in Cleveland, Ohio, May 24-31 inclusive.

The Committee on Religious Education and Young People's Work, after investigating various possibilities, and taking steps to discover the sentiment of our pastors and young people, has decided that the summer Conference will again be held at Asilomar, the dates probably being July 30 to August 5 inclusive.

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WOMEN'S FEDERATION NEWS

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What A Feast!

The Fall meeting of the Federation of Congregational Women of Northern California is over, but the memory of it will linger long, with its inspiring addresses and delightful fellowship. At the women's meeting there were four addresses and an impersonation. Mrs. C. T. Tinker, our president, presided.

The first speaker, Rev. Joseph H. Bennett of Campbell, presented an old subject in a fresh, invigorating way that held the close attention of his listeners and made each delegate wish to go home and put his methods in practice in her own church. He said that churches of today would not have so much "dead timber" if young people had not been placed upon the church membership when very young and then forgotten. Mr. Bennett favored a junior church, and added that if we want enthusiastic members we must begin early. At the age of eighteen the membrs of his junior church cease to be members, and then have the opportunity of deciding whether they wish to join the regular church. In this way they are made to feel they have not been trapped into something, and they can choose for themselves whether they wish full membership in the church or not.

Miss Edith Parsons, recently returned from Turkey, gave many encouraging facts gained from her work over there. She said that the stage of hostility between the government officials and missionaries and educators had passed. Now there is a spirit of cooperation in the work.

Miss Julia Pickett, in charge of the Central Placement Bureau of Santa Clara County, with headquarters at San Jose, was a good illustration of the kind of person needed to deal with people out of employmnt. She is tactful, far-seeing, sympathetic, most anxious to help those who are deserving, and a wise administrator. For the past two years, she said, the average number of unemployed seeking work through her bureau each week was 1,000. Sometimes the number is as high as 400 in one day. Miss Pickett feels that this situation is a challenge to the churches, and especially urges personal contacts by Christian people.

Rev. Lawrence A. Wilson, Sacramento, gave a very forceful address on the subject "Our Children — the Missing Link in Their Development." He stressed character building, urging the churches and all who had the interest of children at heart, to make this the beginning and end of their work in the education and training of children. Many institutions provide excellent educational facilities, but the more highly educated a man is, if lacking in character, the greater menace he is to society. Children must be trained to live, rather than to make make a living.

Mrs. Chauncey J. Hawkins of Berkeley, gave an impersonation called "Maggie May Chilcote of Old Louisiana," taken from Upton Sinclair's popular and illuminating novel "The Wet Parade." The book itself is one that will hold the reader spellbound, and will open people's eyes to the false, insidious and vicious propaganda that the "wets" have continuously used in trying to convince the masses that th e18th Amendment is a failure.

The report of the Chicago Department of Health shows that there has been a falling off of almost 75 per cent in the alcoholic deaths in that city, comparing 1917 (wet) with 1930 (dry).

SECRETARIES RETIRE

Miss Helen Calder,, who for 27 years has been Home Secretary for our Foreign Board of Missions, has now resigned. Until the merger she was Home Secretary of the Woman's Board at Boston, taking the place held so many years by our beloved Miss E. Harriet Stanwood. To those of us who lived on the Atlantic Coast, Miss Calder became not only a most effective addition to the personnel of the Woman's Board, but a friend who won our admiration and love. Her sphere of activities quickly widened until now, on the Pacific as well as on the Atlantic Coast, Miss Calder is both known and loved by all interested in missionary enterprises.

Another faithful and efficient worker who retired October 1, 1932, is Mrs. F. W. Wilcox, Associate Secretary of the American Missionary Association. It is due to Mrs. Wilcox's foresight and wisdom that the Social Service quota for the States was initiated. Now the social welfare workers of every woman's organization in each state receive every year her list, informing them what hospitals or schools will look to them for supplies for the ensuing year. The plan has worked admirably and aroused not only interest and enthusiasm, but an added amount of information and knowledge about specific fields and their requirements.

WHAT INDIANS NEED

Here is a list of things our missionary to the Indians, Miss Mary Coxhead, sends, and she also tactfully adds at the end of the list that "Christmas is coming." **Wanted:** Bolts of cheap cloth—Prints, Flannelettes, Turkish towelling, Plain towelling, Materials for underwear. FOR THE CHILDREN: Stockings, Underwear, Dresses, Shirts for boys, Overalls, Coats, Shoes. FOR THE WOMEN: Stockings, Underwear, Dresses, Coats, Shoes, Hats. FOR THE MEN: Suits of clothing, Trousers, Shirts, Socks, Underwear. GENERAL: Scraps for quilts and rugs (Please put in separate box and label same.) ALL CLOTHING SHOULD BE CLEAN BEFORE SENDING AND PIECES WORTH WEARING SHOULD BE MENDED. Send only wide shoes, as Indian women have wide feet. The Indian children have asked that books be sent. They would like good BOYS' books, GIRLS' books, books about school life, books similar to those our own boys and girls enjoy, and LISTEN—if any one has them to spare, copies of CHARLES DICKENS novels. Good news for Berkeley First from Miss Coxhead's letter: "Today I am giving out coats. The First Church Berkeley sent six of the most marvelous missionary bags. Everything in them can be used. When they came yesterday I was **so pleased.** Things hadn't come for so long, I rather thought every one had given me up for a bad job."

TWO PLEASES

PLEASE send YOUR Social Welfare quotas in before December 1st. They are **greatly** needed in the schools and hospitals. Send reports also to Mrs. Lenfestey.

PLEASE send for your copy of the Thank Offering play, "Now the Secret's Out," to Mrs. George E. Savage, R. F. D. 2, Box 350, San Jose, and as soon as you have your meeting send Mrs. Savage your report. The September "Pacific" has a monologue that could be given at your Thank Offering meeting, called "Mrs. Cal. Rancher and the Dollar Plan."

MISS MARTHA SANFORD

The Federation has lost one of its most faithful commissioners in the death of Miss Sanford, who was instantly killed when a Southern Pacific freight train struck her automobile on a grade crossing near Niles.

Miss Sanford was born in Oakland, and her father and mother were charter members of the First Congregational Church. She grew to young womanhood there, and after graduating from high school, completed a course in kindergarten work with the first group on the Pacific Coast to be trained by Kate Douglas Wiggin. After her father's death she and her mother went to Worcester, Mass. to live with her brother, Dr. Edmund C. Sanford, President of Clark University. Since his death, she has made her home in Niles, California, with a cousin. She was devoted to her church and wherever she lived gave her services unsparingly to others. We shall sorely miss her at our Federation meetings, for she was always present, bringing others with her to gain inspiration for the cause of Missions which she loved. Miss Sanford was a cousin of Mrs. Charles C. Harmon.

AGRICULTURE IN JAPAN

"The plight of the Japanese farmer is truly a sorry one," writes Rev. Leland W. Mann, who recently made an evangelistic tour in one of the islands. He was gone a week and stayed in farmhouses, inns, etc. He goes on to say: "There are so many things he (the Japanese farmer) could do to relieve himself if he only knew how. We found the housewives throwing out all of their sour milk, because they insisted that it was poison. They were much surprised when I told them that my wife made fine, hot biscuits from sour milk—in fact, intentionally letting it sour for that purpose. The women know nothing about canning fruit and vegetables, and use these products only when in season. Enough is thrown away each day by the average housewife to keep several pigs alive and give them meat to eat, besids fish." (Mr. Mann spent some twenty years of his life on a Kansas farm.)

Mr. Mann has visited the Agricultural College and talked with some of the heads there. They informed him that neither the College nor the Government is doing anything to really meet the needs of the farmers. They welcome the farmer if he comes, but they know nothing of such work as is done by the U. S. Department of Agriculture with its bulletins. Accordingly, Mr. Mann has written to the Department of Agriculture in Washington for twenty-five selected bulletins on up-to-date farming. He and a Japanese are making a selection and cutting the material in the hope of getting some of these translations into the "Kingdom of God Weekly." Kagawa is one of the few people who realizes the importance of doing something for the farmers of Japan.

A "SERMON ON THE MOUNT" FOR TODAY

Ye have heard it said by them of modern time, When in Rome, do as the Romans do; but I say unto you, Whether in Rome or Chicago or the New Jerusalem—yea, even if in Hell itself, thou shalt not betray the sanctities within thine own soul.

Ye have heard it said by them of modern time, It pays to advertise; but I say unto you that except your workmanship be the best you can do, and except your name be honorable and true, thou but magnifiest the evil thereof by telling others about it.

Ye have heard it said by them of modern time, A man has to live; but I say that as touching the life of the body, there is no such necessity; it is infinitely better to die than to live by dishonor; and as touching the life of the spirit, he who shuts the door of his innermost heart against the spirit of God has already died.

There be those who walk about daily, eating and drinking, buying and selling, paying out wages and drawing their own pay in turn, who have never truly lived; for those only can be said to live who take time to enjoy earth's beauty, who make themselves friends of little children, who labor for the help of men, and who hold fellowship with Eternal God.

Ye have heard it said by them of modern time, Eat, drink and be merry today, for tomorrow the stock market will be up another two points; but I say unto you that a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth; and though a man control all the millions of all the magnates of America, he is yet the very poorest of the poor, if he hath no treasures in the hearts of his neighbors and no riches within his own soul.

For what shall it profit a man if he shall gain all the stocks and bonds in the world, if he must leave them locked up in his safe deposit box on earth, when he goeth to his eternal home?

Ye have heard it said by them of modern time, Have a good time while you're alive, for you'll be a long time dead; but I say unto you that they who adopt this maxim are dead already; for of what avail is eternal life to him who hath never learned truly to live for one single hour?

Nay, my children of this modern day, ye do greatly err if ye think that the principles of life have much changed since I walked this earth with the sons and daughters of men nineteen hundred years ago, for still as of old there be foolish ones who throw away their lives in seeking the evanescent pleasures of the moment and the glittering things of earth, even as did the gentiles of old time.

So shall it not be with you; but seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all other needs shall be satisfied; for the Kingdom of Heaven is within you.—Gail Cleland. (Extract from Alameda Chuch bulletin.)

DO YOU BELIEVE—

in providing religious opportunities where there are none, right here in California?

in helping weak churches to grow stronger?

in uniting churches in an effective fellowship?

in providing conferences for the young people who will some day be our leaders?

IF YOU DO—

Then help the cause to carry on after you are gone.

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